

Christians have a special problem in this connection, as citizens of both an earthly and a heavenly country. On the one hand, they believe in freedom of religion; on the other hand, they believe that there is only one true religion.

As Christians, we live in a tension between our commitments as citizens of an earthly country, and our commitments as citizens of a heavenly country. As citizens of the United States of America, American Christians are committed to freedom of religion. All religions, including Biblical Christianity, can openly and freely compete in the religious marketplace for the minds and hearts of men. However, as citizens of heaven, they are committed to the one true and living God, and to Biblical Christianity as the only true religion. They know that all other gods are idols, and that all other religions are man-made and will lead men to eternal destruction!

Actually, there are really only two religions: the religion of God, and the religion of man (which takes many forms). Under that form of the religion of man called Secular Humanism, the basic principles of the Bible, which in the past have so heavily influenced our culture, are being increasingly ridiculed and held in contempt.

What shall we do about this? Shall we as Christians living in a pluralistic society simply permit the basic principles of the Bible to be pushed out of our culture? If we do, will our culture then be morally neutral? The answer to this question must already have become apparent, especially from the basic documents of this movement, and from the manner in which humanistic principles are permeating our culture!

Secular Humanism does not wish to get rid of Christian theism, supernaturalism, absolute truth and absolute values merely in order to make our culture value-free and neutral with respect to morality; rather Secular Humanism wishes to make our culture atheistic, materialistic, agnostic, and hedonistic! And Secular Humanism is prepared to back its desires with action!

B. A comparison of Secular Humanism's affirmations and denials with the affirmations of the Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence:

AFFIRMS that God created Nature with its Laws

AFFIRMS that God created man with inalienable rights based on Nature's Laws, which are more basic than those of human governments

AFFIRMS that among these God-given rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

Secular Humanism:

AFFIRMS that the universe is self-existing and not created.  
REJECTS theism and deism

AFFIRMS that man is part of nature and has emerged from pre-human ancestors by an evolutionary process  
REJECTS man's creation by God